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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**

ALLTEL Communications Inc., Petitions for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and for Consent to Redefine the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies,  
CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882, 03-3824, 03-3825, 04-565, 04-686, 04-998, 04-999

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Glenn S. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel, for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), and the undersigned of Morrison & Foerster LLP, also representing ALLTEL, met on July 27, with Christopher Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael Powell, Aaron Goldberger, special counsel to the Chairman, and Donald ("Cory") Jackson, legal intern, to discuss the status of ALLTEL's petitions for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in non-rural areas of Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The ALLTEL representatives emphasized that ALLTEL's ETC petitions are limited to non-rural service areas, and some have been pending for over one year. They explained that, in light of the *Virginia Cellular ETC Order*<sup>1</sup> and ALLTEL's service commitments, as

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<sup>1</sup> *Virginia Cellular, LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Commonwealth of Virginia*, 19 FCC Rcd 1563 (2004).

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supplemented,<sup>2</sup> those ETC petitions should be granted expeditiously. None of ALLTEL's petitions raises novel or difficult issues, and they all should be decided by the Wireline Competition Bureau applying the governing principles on delegated authority.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Yours truly,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt  
Cheryl A. Tritt  
Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc.

cc Christopher Libertelli  
Aaron Goldberger  
Donald ("Cory") Jackson

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<sup>2</sup> See Letter from G. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel, ALLTEL, Inc., to M. Dortch, Sec., Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882, 03-3824, 03-3825 (Mar. 1, 2004).